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REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-17, 19-32, 34-39, 43 and 44 are pending in the present application.

The Office Action did not approve entry of the drawings because Fig. 2b allegedly introduced new matter. Further, the Office Action objected to the specification under 37 C.F.R. 1.71, as the specification, as originally filed, does not provide support for the new matter as claimed. Specifically, the Office Action stated that the language on page 10, lines 21-22 of the specification does not mean the tapered edge tapers to a single edge one of coplanar or substantially coplanar with a side of a body as recited in claims 46-50.

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection, as Applicant submits that the description in the specification filed on August 21, 2001, including the originally filed claims, provides adequate support for Fig. 2b which was added after the filing of the application. Applicant also submits that the scope of the term "tapered edge" recited in independent claims 1, 17, 25, 32 and 39 is broad enough to include "the tapered edge tapers to a single edge one of coplanar or substantially coplanar with a side of the body", recited in canceled claims 46-50.

In order to expedite the allowance of the present application, however, Applicant has herein canceled dependent claims 46-50 and Figure 2b without prejudice and disclaimer, and has amended the specification accordingly. Applicant notes that Fig. 2b and the specification language corresponding thereto also properly remains in Applicant's co-pending continuation application filed April 5, 2004.

The Office Action allowed claims 1, 3-17, 19-32, 34-39, 43 and 44.

Accordingly, an early and favorable office action is hereby earnestly solicited. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application,

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Examiner is requested to telephone the number provided below.

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